

FISH AND GAME NEWS RELEASE

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THE RESOURCES AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME 1234 EAST SHAW AVENUE FRESNO, CALIFORNIA 93710

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Family Pheasant Hunts

Twenty San Joaquin Valley family pheasant hunting opportunities are being offered by the Department of Fish and Game through its Game Bird Heritage Program. These hunts are made possible through the purchase of an Upland Game Bird Stamp by hunters. Providing hunter opportunity and hunter access is a major goal of the Game Bird Heritage Program. Up to four family members may apply as a party. When applying for the hunts, you must indicate the family member(s) in your party. See instructions under "How To Apply."

The hunts will be held near the towns of Modesto, Gustine, Merced, Chowchilla, San Joaquin, Kettleman City, Stevinson, Alpaugh and Bakersfield. All of the hunts are in cooperation with private landowners with the exception of the Merced hunts, which will be held on the City of Merced property, and the Gustine hunts, which will be held on the Department's China Island Wildlife Area. The Stanislaus, Madera, Fresno, Tulare and Kern County fish and game propagation committees and Board of Supervisors are also supporting the hunts by purchasing pheasants through the disbursement of fine monies collected from fish and game violators. Most of the hunts are also supported by local sportsmen's organizations. These clubs include Merced Fish and Game Club, Inc. (Gustine and Stevinson), National Wild Turkey Federation (Merced and San Joaquin), Avenal Gun Club (Kettleman City) and Exeter Sportsmen's Association (Alpaugh). Two hunts are scheduled per day, from 8:00 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to sunset. Male ring-necked pheasants will be released prior to each hunt.

Successful applicants and their guest(s) (except junior license holders) must pay a \$14.00 entry fee (waived at the Gustine hunt in lieu of a two-day or annual hunting area pass). **Do not** send the \$14.00 fee with your application, it will be collected when you check in at the hunt. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required of all hunters, **except** junior license holders. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older).

How To Apply

Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing. Applications may include up to four family members applying as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for **yourself and any other family hunter(s):** ① name, ② address, ③ daytime and evening telephone numbers, ④ 2005-2006 hunting license number and ⑤ hunt number, location (e.g. [N] Merced), date and hunt in order of preference. Hunters may apply only **once** for each hunt, either as an applicant or as a guest. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing.

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Hunters will be selected for **only one** hunt. This is to provide more hunters with the opportunity to participate in these special hunts. **Please make your selections carefully**. Changes **cannot** be made after the drawing. Applications must be mailed or returned to:

Game Bird Heritage Family Pheasant Hunts 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710

Applications must be received by Friday, October 28, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. **Only successful applicants will be notified** with instructions and a map to the hunt area. It is your responsibility to notify other family member(s) of being successful in the drawing. For additional information on any of the hunts or for an application, contact the Department of Fish and Game, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 133. The hunt numbers, locations, dates and hunt periods are as follows. List in order of preference on your application.

Hunt Letter	Location	Date and Hunt Period	Quota
A	Alpaugh	Saturday, November 19, morning	50
В	Alpaugh	Saturday, November 19, afternoon	50
С	Bakersfield	Saturday, November 19, morning	50
D	Bakersfield	Saturday, November 19, afternoon	50
Е	Gustine	Saturday, November 19, morning	50
F	Gustine	Saturday, November 19, afternoon	50
G	Kettleman City	Saturday, November 19, morning	50
Н	Kettleman City	Saturday, November 19, afternoon	50
I	San Joaquin	Saturday, November 19, morning	50
J	San Joaquin	Saturday, November 19, afternoon	50
K	Stevinson	Saturday, December 3, morning	50
L	Stevinson	Saturday, December 3, afternoon	50
M	Merced	Saturday, December 3, morning	25
N	Merced	Saturday, December 3, afternoon	25
О	Merced	Sunday, December 4, morning	25
Р	Merced	Sunday, December 4, afternoon	25
Q	Chowchilla	Saturday, December 17, morning	50
R	Chowchilla	Saturday, December 17, afternoon	50
S	Modesto	Saturday, December 17, morning	50
Т	Modesto	Saturday, December 17, afternoon	50

This and additional information can be found by visiting the Department's web page at http://www.dfg.ca.gov.

Application for San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra Region 2005 Family Pheasant Hunts

Please Print Clearly All areas must be completed (including family member[s] information) Incomplete Applications Will Be Rejected		
Name	Attack	
Last M. I.	a seculativities	
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)		
Hunting License Number	Selection Instructions:	
NO Check here if Lifetime License	Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or as a family member, for each hunt. Select your hunts in order of	
Address	preference, beginning with your first	
Street	choice, by entering the corresponding hunt letter in box "1" as your first choice.	
	An application may include up to twenty hunts. However, you and your family	
City State Zip Code	member(s) will only be selected for one	
	hunt.	
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Daytime Extension	6 7 8 9 10	
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Family Member 1 Name Last M. I.	17 18 19 20	
Last M. I.		
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)		
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Hunting License Number	D Bakersfield, November 19, Afternoon E Gustine, November 19, Morning	
NO Check here if Lifetime License	F Gustine, November 19, Afternoon	
Address	G Kettleman City, November 19, Morning H Kettleman City, November 19, Afternoon	
Address	J San Joaquin, November 19, Morning J San Joaquin, November 19, Afternoon	
Street	K Stevinson, December 3, Morning	
City Tip Code	L Stevinson, December 3, Afternoon M Merced, December 3, Morning	
City State Zip Code	N Merced, December 3, Afternoon	
	O Merced, December 4, Morning P Merced, December 4, Afternoon	
Telephone	Q Chowchilla, December 17, Morning R Chowchilla, December 17, Afternoon	
Daytime Extension	S Modesto, December 17, Morning	
	T Modesto, December 17, Afternoon	
Evening		

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Family Member 2 Name
Last M. I.
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)
Hunting License Number
NO. Check here if Lifetime License
Address
Street
City State Zip Code
Telephone
Daytime
Evening
Family Member 3 Name Last M. I.
First (Mr., Mrs., Jr, etc.)
Hunting License Number
NO Check here if Lifetime License
Address
Street
City State Zip Code
Telephone
Daytime Extension
Evening

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1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710

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or fax: (559) 243-4022